

## House Resolution No. 1636

**Whereas**, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are called upon to honor remarkable Show-Me State couples who have experienced the good fortune of success in marriage, a most delightful task which this legislative body embraces with great enthusiasm; and

**Whereas**, the union of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shepard, residents of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, is characterized by their enduring affection and serves as a glorious illustration of a prosperous marriage; and

**Whereas**, Robert and Velma Shepard commemorated the joyous occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on March 4, 2007, at Bethany Baptist Church, followed by a dinner with their loved ones; and

**Whereas**, as they proudly marked this splendid milestone in their life, Robert and Velma Shepard undoubtedly looked back with satisfaction upon all that has transpired since they pledged their eternal love to one another and began their long, joyful walk down life's path; and

**Whereas**, it was five wondrous decades ago that Robert Shepard and Velma Ackman joined their hands, their hearts, and their lives together in a solemn nuptial ceremony officiated by the Reverend Owen Dahlor and witnessed by Bob and Doloris Myer on March 2, 1957, in the pastor's study at the First Baptist Church; and

**Whereas**, over the course of the past half century, Robert and Velma Shepard have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include two daughters and two sons-in-law, Sandy and Bill Lincoln of Leopold and Terri and Gary Shetley of Fredericktown; and their grandchildren, Will and Sale Lincoln, Addie Shetley, Brylan Moore, and Tasha Moore and her fiance, Ryan Allgier; and

**Whereas**, Robert and Velma Shepard have distinguished themselves as a remarkable couple, whose fifty years of shared joy and contentment so beautifully illustrate the strength, grace, and splendor of the lasting marriage bond:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Robert and Velma Shepard upon the joyous occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary and in further wishing them continued happiness in the years to come; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shepard.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Scott A. Lipke  
District No. 157

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 1636, adopted April 2, 2007.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rod Jetton, Speaker